

Table 30-1 Percentage of postsecondary faculty who used selected instructional methods* during the semester, by control and level of institution: Fall 1992

Instructional method	Total	Control and level of institution		
		Public 4-year	Private 4-year	Public 2-year
Teaching tools				
Computational tools/software	39.0	38.7	34.6	41.6
Computer-aided instruction	33.7	30.1	29.5	39.6
Grading				
Grading on a curve	32.3	36.3	33.2	27.9
Competency-based grading	56.6	52.4	55.7	61.0
Assignments				
Multiple drafts of written work	31.5	31.2	38.0	27.8
Student presentations	62.7	61.8	70.3	58.4
Student evaluations	37.1	35.3	40.6	36.3
Term/research papers	52.9	55.5	62.4	44.1
Midterms/finals				
Multiple choice	55.4	52.8	45.6	64.2
Short answer	54.6	53.2	53.5	56.4
Essay	56.8	59.5	64.3	49.7

* Includes those faculty who responded that they used the indicated instructional method "some" or "all" of the time.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Study of Postsecondary Faculty, 1993.

Table 30-2 Percentage of postsecondary faculty who used selected instructional methods¹ during the semester, by academic rank: Fall 1992

Instructional method	Total ²	Academic rank				
		Full professor	Associate professor	Assistant professor	Instructor	Lecturer
Teaching tools						
Computational tools/software	39.0	40.2	42.2	42.1	36.9	29.6
Computer-aided instruction	33.7	30.1	32.6	34.9	36.7	27.3
Grading						
Grading on a curve	32.3	35.0	35.5	35.4	28.3	36.9
Competency-based grading	56.6	52.5	54.0	57.5	59.6	54.3
Assignments						
Multiple drafts of written work	31.5	32.3	33.2	35.7	28.3	33.3
Student presentations	62.7	61.2	64.6	67.5	60.5	63.5
Student evaluations	37.1	33.0	37.2	40.2	36.9	40.4
Term/research papers	52.9	57.9	60.2	60.4	44.9	49.6
Midterms/finals						
Multiple choice	55.4	49.9	53.2	56.1	61.3	46.6
Short answer	54.6	52.6	55.6	57.4	55.4	50.1
Essay	56.8	60.6	64.4	61.0	51.2	54.4

¹ Includes those faculty who responded that they used the indicated instructional method "some" or "all" of the time.

² Included in the total but not shown separately are other academic ranks.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Study of Postsecondary Faculty, 1993.